

July LitSource Bulletin

International Literacy Day Save the Date: **Monday, September 8, 2008, 7:00 p.m.** Dessert Reception in the Carnegie Room at Penrose Library.

All learners and LEARN English! students who contributed writing to this year's Stone Soup, their tutors and classroom assistants should definitely plan to attend. This is the **2008 Stone Soup publication party** – authors will be recognized.

All other LitSource participants are heartily encouraged to attend. Both you and your learners will be receiving postcard invitations in the mail. Please share your invitation with the learner, make sure they received one in the mail, and go over standard invite protocol with them. This is necessary to make sure they understand they and their families are invited to attend the event (at no cost) and that they should call the number on the card to say whether or not they're going to attend (the food fairies need to know).

The general public will also be invited to attend the reception and learn about adult literacy and ESL at the library.

Volunteer perspectives wanted! Do you enjoy your LitSource experience so much you'd like to tell others about it? Please join me in celebrating Literacy Month. I'd like to schedule informational meetings for the public at various PPLD facilities... but I need volunteers to help! The basic program will have LitSource staff providing program information and handouts and **LitSource volunteers sharing some of their experiences** with the audience. Please call Sherrill at 531-6333x2223 to schedule.

Learn a new language The Library now has a subscription to **Tell Me More** which provides online language instruction, from beginner to expert, and covers all of the essential areas of language acquisition: reading, writing, speaking, listening, grammar, vocabulary, and culture. Using this new database, you can learn a new language or improve your current language skills.

- Languages Available: German, American English, British English, Dutch, Spanish, French, Italian, and Spanish American. By the end of next year, Tell Me More plans to add Chinese, Japanese, and Arabic.
- This database will be available to REMOTE users only. It requires a microphone on the pc and more than 55 minutes.
- From your home computer, you will find Tell Me More on our website under ELECTRONIC REFERENCE - LANGUAGE.
- The Library has purchased 200 licenses. If you logon to Tell Me More and create a username and password, you have used one of the licenses.
- If you experience difficulties using the software, call Tell Me More's technical assistance line at 888-388-3535 and ask for Technical Support

Welcome to new tutors: Jerri Jason, Lara Schrock, Delores Strain, Dianne Valdez, and Harve Wolfe.

TALK English! summer series **end on Thursday, July 24.**

The Fall series will begin on Monday, September 8 and, although it's not guaranteed, most groups will continue at their current days, times and places. The morning group that meets at East Library will move back to Thursday mornings for the fall.

Training for new Facilitators will be on Saturday, August 23, 10:00 a.m. at Penrose Library so, if you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a Facilitator call Nancy at 531-6333 x2224 for registration information.

LEARN English! classes If any of your learners have friends, family, acquaintances with no English skills, the next daytime LEARN English! class will begin on Friday, September 5th. This class will meet at Ruth Holley Branch Library (685 N. Murray between Platte and Galley) on Monday and Friday mornings. Registration is in the Ruth Holley Branch Library at **10:00 a.m. on September 5th.**

Interested in Immigration Issues? Then you may be interested in the following:

Towards A Spirituality of Justice – A Day On Immigration

Saturday, August 16th, 9-3pm

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

The day will include presentations by Fr. Dan Groody, Associate Professor of Theology from the University of Notre Dame, the Most Reverend Michael Sheridan, Bishop of Colorado Springs and Fr. Juan Molina, Southwest Regional Catholic Relief Services Director of Advocacy.

Candidates' Forum on Immigration

Saturday, August 16th, 4-5pm

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

The election for the open Colorado US Senate seat this Fall is critical in future national legislation around immigration issues. The forum will allow the candidates for the Senate the opportunity to express their views regarding immigration. The forum will be limited to issues of immigration and immigration policy such as: foreign trade, national security, labor, and the economy in general.

Confirmed participants: Bob Schaffer (Rep) and Congressman Mark Udall (Dem)

For more information go to: <http://www.socialconcernscs.org/>

Call for Memorabilia

Did you live through the Dust Bowl and/or the Great Depression during the 1930s? Pikes Peak Library District is looking for memorabilia or letters depicting or describing that era to complement our upcoming All Pikes Peak Reads (APPR) book selections for 2008, *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck and *The Worst Hard Time* by Timothy Egan.



If you have items you would be willing to share for the months of September and October, please contact your neighborhood Library by August 15 to arrange for a display. To display in September at East Library, call 531-6333, x1304; to schedule a display in October at Penrose Library, call 531-6333, x2303.